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Address to:		Filing Date	June 22, 2001	CENTRAL FAX CENTER
MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		First Named Inventor	E. Vincent Wood	APR 27 2006
		Group/Art Unit	3629	
		Examiner Name	Jonathan P. Oullette	
		Attorney Docket No.	132683-2	

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a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

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a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)

b. Other _____

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a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005		Complete if known	
Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.		Application Number	09/888,323
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Filing Date	June 22, 2001
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 455)		First Named Inventor	E. Vincent Wood
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FEE CALCULATION**1. Basic Filing, Search, and Examination Fees**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent
 Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent
 Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) Multiple Dependent Claims
 - 20 or HP = x = Fee (\$)

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) Multiple Dependent Claims
 - 3 or HP = x = Fee (\$)

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

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Fee Paid (\$)

4. OTHER FEE(S)
 Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)
 Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request for Continued Examination and One-Month Extension of Time

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